of the rehabilitation schemes u/s 17 (2) and 18(4) of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial assistance to J and K *Vis-a-Vis* other States

1779. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the financial assistance to Jammu and Kashmir is greater than that of other States; and

(b) if so, the percentage of financial assistance given to Jammu and Kashmir in comparison to other States specially North-East States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The financial assistance to J and K during the year 1999-2000 was 9% of the total financial assistance to all the States, as against 16% assistance to the eight North-East States put together.

Filling up of reserved vacancies in Banks

1780. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vacancies reserved for SCs / STs and Backward Classes in all Nationalised Banks have been filled as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof Bank-wise / category-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons for not filling up of these posts in each bank; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the Annual Review Report about implementation of reservation policy by Public Sector Banks as at the end of year 1998 (latest available) the prescribed percentage of SCs / STs in various categories were complete in some cases, while there is still some shortfall in other cases. Bank-wise representation of SCs / STs and OBCs in various Public Sector Banks in different categories as on 31st December, 1998 is given in Annexures I and II respectively [*See* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 25]